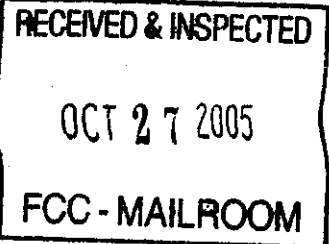




Southeast Kansas Education Service Center

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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC, 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrator's Board of Directors,
CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center-Greenbush, Girard, Kansas, I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Brian Talbott to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors.

In his capacity as Chairman of the USAC Board, Dr. Talbott has provided tremendous leadership in assisting school districts, especially rural and small schools, take full advantage of the universal service program. Dr. Talbott's leadership and experience in working with Education Service Agencies has proved to be invaluable in promoting collaboration among schools that otherwise would not be able to access the range of educational technologies needed to increase student learning.

One of Dr. Talbott's greatest assets is access to a nationwide network of Education Service Agencies, under the professional umbrella of the Association of Education Service Agencies. Education Service Agencies across the country share the common mission of assisting school districts provide educational opportunities for all students. Literally thousands of schools across the country benefit from collaborative programs that are made possible through Education Service Agencies. This is particularly true relative to the Universal Service Program through which Education Service Agencies have supported schools in the configuration, purchase, and implementation of learning technology that otherwise would not have been available to a school district working alone.

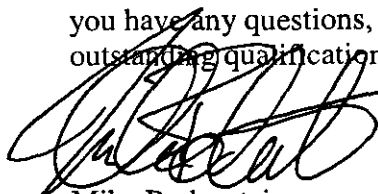
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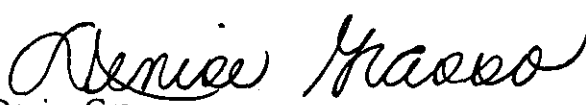
The Southeast Kansas Education Service Center possesses all of the right and privileges of a school districts, except the power to levy taxes. Schools can participate in any number of more than 200 educational programs ranging from distance education and online-learning to parent education and cooperative purchasing. With no base membership fee or state administrative support, schools districts only pay for only those services that meet local need. Nearly two-thirds of all Kansas schools contract from some service from Greenbush.

The Greenbush E-rate Consortium offers more than 45 Kansas schools assistance in filling out and submitting their e-rate applications. The Greenbush E-rate Consortium assists schools in filling out their Form 470 and Form 471, while providing consultation in their bidding proposals. Greenbush personnel serve as the liaison between the Schools and Libraries Division and the school district during the program review process. Once the district has received their funding commitment letter, the Consortium assists schools in filling out their Form 486 and 472. The Greenbush E-rate Consortium also provides on-line phone support to numerous districts throughout the state during the entire funding year.

Thank you for your consideration of the nomination of Dr. Talbott to the Universal Service Administrator's Board of Directors. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions, or if we can provide additional information regarding the outstanding qualifications of Dr. Talbott.



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